

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1 - 68. (Cancelled)

69. (Currently Amended) A method for transmitting video data comprising:
~~obtaining~~ generating preview meta-data for identifying based on a main video data, said main video data constituted by connecting, by selecting in a predetermined sequence a plurality of shots or scenes, each shot or scene being a basic unit of the main video data;
~~obtaining~~ generating semantic evaluation meta-data based on an evaluation of the shots or scenes of the main video data, said semantic evaluation meta-data indicating the development of the ~~significance of the shots of the main video data to an overall content~~ represented by the main video data; and
transmitting the identifying data ~~preview meta-data~~, the semantic evaluation meta-data, and the main video data;
~~wherein the preview meta-data further comprises commentary data, still picture data, and/or voice data introducing the main video data and each chapter of the main video data.~~

70. (Currently Amended) A video data transmitter comprising:
means for ~~generating~~ obtaining preview meta-data based on data for identifying a main video data, said main video data constituted by connecting, by selecting in a predetermined sequence a plurality of shots or scenes, each shot or scene being a basic unit of the main video data;
means for ~~generating~~ obtaining semantic evaluation meta-data based on an evaluation of the shots or scenes of the main video data, said semantic evaluation meta-data indicating the development of the content ~~significance of the shots of the main video data to an overall content~~ represented by the main video data; and

means for transmitting via a communication link the identifying preview meta-
data, the semantic evaluation meta-data, and the main video data;

~~wherein the preview meta-data further comprises commentary data, still picture
data, and/or voice data introducing the main video data and each chapter of the main video data.~~

71. (Currently Amended) A method for receiving video data comprising:
receiving main video data;

receiving identifying data, identifying main video data, the main video data
constituted in preview meta-data representing a predetermined sequence a plurality of shots or
scenes, each shot or scene being a basic unit of the main video data;

receiving semantic evaluation meta-data based on ~~representing~~ an evaluation of
the shots or scenes of the main video data, said semantic evaluation meta-data indicating the
development of the significance of the shots of the main video data to an overall content
represented by the main video data; and

manipulating the main video data based on the ~~preview meta-~~identifying data and
the semantic evaluation meta-data;

~~wherein the preview meta-data further comprises commentary data, still picture
data, and/or voice data introducing the main video data and each chapter of the main video data.~~

72. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 71, wherein
manipulating the main video data comprises extracting a predetermined part from the main video
data identified by the identifying preview meta-data and the semantic evaluation meta-data.

73. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 71, further
comprising:

receiving billing meta-data indicating how billing is to be performed; and

billing a viewer at a receiving end based on the received billing meta-data.

74. (Currently Amended) A video data receiver comprising:

means for receiving via a communication link main video data;

means for receiving via the communication link ~~preview meta-~~identifying data representing a predetermined sequence of shots, or scenes, each shot or scene being a basic unit of the main video data;

means for receiving via the communication link semantic evaluation meta-data ~~based on~~ representing an evaluation of the shots or scenes of the main video data, said semantic evaluation meta-data indicating the development of the contents ~~significance of the shots of the main video data to an overall content~~ represented by the main video data; and

means for manipulating the main video data based on the ~~preview meta-~~identifying data and the semantic evaluation meta-data.

~~wherein the preview meta-data further comprises commentary data, still picture data, and/or voice data introducing the main video data and each chapter of the main video data.~~

75. (Currently Amended) The receiver according to claim 74, wherein the means for manipulating has at least a function of extracting a predetermined part from the main video data identified by the ~~preview meta-~~identifying data and the semantic evaluation meta-data.

76. (Previously Presented) The receiver according to claim 74, further comprising:

means for receiving billing meta-data indicating how billing is to be performed;

and

means for billing a viewer at a receiving end based on the received billing meta-

data.

77. (Currently Amended) A video data transmitting/receiving method comprising:

~~generating preview meta-obtaining data for identifying based on~~ a main video data, ~~said main video data constituted by connecting by selecting~~ in a predetermined sequence a plurality of shots or scenes, each shot or scene being a basic unit of the main video data;

~~obtaining~~~~generating~~ semantic evaluation meta-data ~~representing based on an~~ evaluation of the shots or scenes of the main video data, said semantic evaluation meta-data indicating the development of the content represented by ~~significance of the shots of the main~~ video data; ~~to an overall content represented by the main video data;~~

transmitting the ~~preview meta-~~identifying data, the semantic evaluation meta-data, and the main video data;

receiving the ~~preview meta-~~identifying data, the semantic evaluation meta-data, and the main video data; and

manipulating the main video data based on the received ~~preview meta-~~identifying data and the received semantic evaluation meta-data;

~~wherein the preview meta-data further comprises commentary data, still picture data, and/or voice data introducing the main video data and each chapter of the main video data.~~

78. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 77, wherein manipulating the main video data comprises extracting a predetermined part from the main video data identified by the ~~preview meta-~~identifying data and the semantic evaluation meta-data.

79. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 77, further comprising:

transmitting and receiving billing meta-data indicating how billing is to be performed; and

billing a viewer at a receiving end based on the received billing meta-data.

80. (Currently Amended) A video data transmission/reception system comprising:

a video data transmitter having:

means for transmitting via a communication link ~~preview meta-identifying data~~, semantic evaluation meta-data, and main video data;

means for ~~generating~~obtaining the ~~preview meta-identifying data~~ by ~~selecting~~connecting in a predetermined sequence a plurality of shots or scenes, each shot or scene being a basic unit of the main video data; and

means for ~~generating~~obtaining the semantic evaluation meta-data based on an evaluation of the shots or scenes of the main video data, said semantic evaluation meta-data indicating the development of the ~~significance of the shots of the main video data to an overall~~ content represented by the main video data; and

a video data receiver having:

means for receiving via the communication link the ~~preview meta-identifying data~~, the semantic evaluation meta-data, and the main video data; and

means for manipulating the main video data based on the ~~preview meta-identifying data~~ and the semantic evaluation meta-data;

~~wherein the preview meta-data further comprises commentary data, still picture data, and/or voice data introducing the main video data and each chapter of the main video data.~~

81. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 80, wherein the manipulating means of the video data receiver has at least a function of extracting a

predetermined part from the main video data identified by the ~~preview meta-~~identifying data and the semantic evaluation meta-data.

82. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 80,
wherein the video data transmitter further comprises means for transmitting
billing meta-data indicating how billing is to be performed; and
wherein the video data receiver further comprises means for receiving the billing
meta-data, and means for billing a viewer at a receiving end based on the received billing meta-
data.